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Boller et al.
Application No.: 10/668,971

REMARKS

Claim Status

After entry of this Amendment, Claims 1 – 3 are pending. By this Amendment, Applicants cancel Claims 4 – 17. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 – 3 are allowed.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objects to Claim 4 because of informalities. By this Amendment, Claim 4 is cancelled. The instant objection is, therefore, believed to be moot.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103

The Examiner rejects Claims 4 – 9 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Schuster (U.S. Patent No. 6,276,509). Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), the Examiner rejects dependent Claims 10 – 14, 16 and 17 as being unpatentable over Schuster in view of Olson (U.S. Patent No. 6,561,339). By this Amendment, Claims 4 – 17 are cancelled. The instant rejections are, therefore, believed to be moot.

CONCLUSION

The present response is intended to correspond with the Revised Amendment Format. Should any part of the present response not be in full compliance with the requirements of the Revised Amendment Format, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned for immediate correction.

For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is herewith respectfully requested.

Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' attorney in order to resolve such issues promptly.

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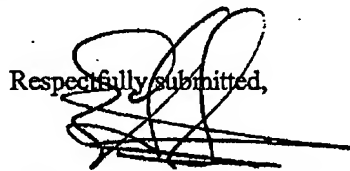
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docket number 2001P02943WOUS. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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